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Change in Salt Bath Nitriding Process Due to Environmental Compliance

We would like to inform you that we will be switching to an environmentally friendly chemical agent for the salt bath nitriding treatment used on components in our hydraulic equipment.

Please note that this change will have no impact on the specifications or performance of the product.

*Salt bath nitriding is a surface treatment process used to enhance properties such as wear resistance and fatigue strength of steel materials.

■Details of The Change

We will be switching to an environmentally friendly chemical agent for the salt bath nitriding treatment, which significantly reduces the use of cyanide compounds, substances known for their environmental impact.

This change is due to the standardization of chemical agents by the manufacturer that performs the salt bath nitriding treatment on our behalf.

■Specifications and Performance

Both the conventional and environmentally friendly versions have identical specifications and performance.

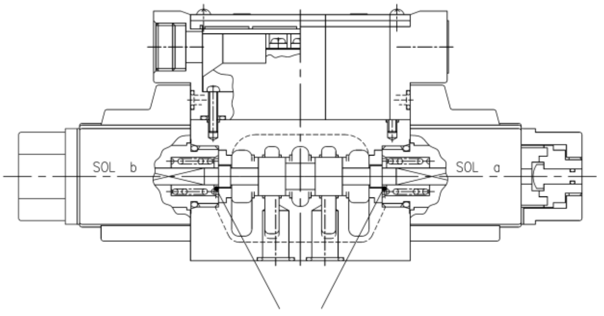
Please note that, with the exception of certain products such as cartridge valves, the treated components are built into the internal parts of our hydraulic products and cannot be identified by external appearance.

In addition, regardless of the chemical agent used, slight differences in surface appearance, such as color tone, may occur due to subtle variations in processing conditions, including temperature and humidity. We appreciate your understanding.

■Applicable Products

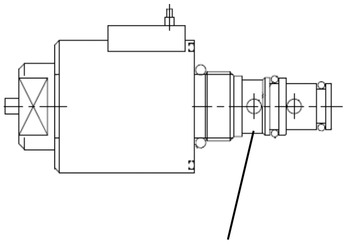
Salt bath nitriding treatment is used in a wide range of embedded components across our product lineup.

< Reference > Solenoid Operated Directional Valves, DSG Series



Spring Follower

< Reference > Cartridge Valves



Sleeve

■Timing of Switching

The changeover is being implemented sequentially after the current stock is depleted. Please understand that both types of products may coexist during the switching period.